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Introduced by Representatives Dakin of Colchester, Brennan of Colchester,  
Condon of Colchester, and Purvis of Colchester

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; Town of Colchester;  
amendments

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to approve the  
amendments to the charter of the Town of Colchester.

An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of  
Colchester

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

The General Assembly approves the amendment to the charter of the Town  
of Colchester as set forth in this act. The voters approved the proposals of  
amendments on March 3, 2015.

Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 113 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 113. TOWN OF COLCHESTER

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Subchapter 7. Taxation

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§ 703. LOCAL SALES, ROOMS, AND MEALS AND ALCOHOL  
BEVERAGES TAX

(a) The Town may impose a tax on those transactions in the Town involving sales, rooms, meals, or alcoholic beverages that are subject to taxation by the State of Vermont. Imposition of any tax by the Town under this section shall be at the rate or rates specified in 24 V.S.A. § 138 and shall be imposed in accordance with the requirements of 24 V.S.A. § 138(a)(2), (c), and (d).

(b) Upon resolution of the Selectboard, or upon receipt of a petition submitted by five percent of the registered voters of the Town, at an annual or special meeting warned for the purpose by a majority of those present and voting, the voters of the Town may vote to assess any or all of the following:

- (1) a one percent sales tax;
- (2) a one percent rooms tax; and
- (3) a one percent meals and alcoholic beverage tax.

(c) A tax imposed under the authority of this section shall be collected and administered and may be rescinded as provided by the general laws of the State.

1           (d) Revenues received through the imposition of a tax imposed under this  
2           section shall be used for expenses or financing of voter-approved capital  
3           projects within the Town and voter-approved intermunicipal financial support  
4           related thereto.

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6           Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

7           This act shall take effect on passage.